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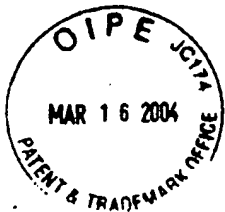
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	09/671,283	Confirmation No. 6590
Applicant	John A. Giordano et al.	
Filed	27 September 2000	
TC/Art Unit	1617	
Examiner	Shengjun Wang	
Docket No.	48508-00004	
Customer No.	23767	

**REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS FEES UNDER 37 CFR § 1.28(a) AND
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants request a refund of excess fees paid on 15 January 2004, with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants inadvertently paid the large entity filing fee of \$770.00 with the RCE when in fact applicants qualified as a small entity under 37 CFR § 1.27 (2)(ii), and should have paid a filing fee of \$385.00. Copies of the RCE transmittal, date stamped USPTO receipt card and applicants' \$770.00 check are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$385.00.

Applicants aver they are entitled to small entity status as defined in 37 CFR § 1.27 (2)(ii), and request the re-establishment of small entity status to this application.

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Applicant's respectfully request the excess fees of \$385.00 be refunded electronically into the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1067. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this request, please charge the fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account, No. 50-1067.

Respectfully submitted,

16 March 2004



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